



COUNCIL ON RECREATIONAL FISHING FUNDING

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Location: Senate Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Legislative Hall, Dover
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COUNCIL

Bernie Pankowski, Chairman
David Russell, Vice Chair
Eric Burnley, Sr.
Bill Baker, Sr. (*Absent*)
Ronald Horton
Rick Carlisle
Clark Evans (*Absent*)
Sen. Gerald W. Hocker
Rep. Ronald E. Gray

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

Jeremy Ashe
John Clark
Stewart Michels
David Saveikis, Director

PUBLIC

4 Attendees

Agenda Item 1. Opening remarks

Chairman Pankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of minutes from April 24, 2018 meeting

A motion was made and the meeting minutes were approved without objection.

Agenda Item 3. Update on current, approved, and potential construction projects – Jeremy Ashe, Fisheries Construction Manager, briefed the Council on major projects, including the new Little Creek boat ramp and fishing pier currently under construction scheduled for completion by March 2019, expansion of the Philips Landing boat ramp now closed for reconstruction through April 30, 2019, reconstruction of the Millsboro Pond boat ramp scheduled for 2019, and development of Woodland Wharf on the Nanticoke River involving bulkhead replacement and addition of a floating dock that includes a kayak launch scheduled for 2019. He then briefed the Council on current maintenance projects, including parking lot work and courtesy dock installation at Haven Lake, recently completed redecking of the Port Mahon fishing pier, and Portsville Pond boat ramp repairs and parking lot expansion. Upcoming projects discussed included the repaving of the Augustine Beach parking lot and a portion of the Bowers Beach auxiliary parking lot and improvements to the Port Mahon boat ramp. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Wilmington to reconstruct and reopen the 7th St boat ramp is under legal review.

Agenda Item 4. Follow up from previous meeting:

- a. Recreational fishing license plate** – Chairman Pankowski presented draft designs to the Council for the freshwater and saltwater recreational fishing motor vehicle specialty license plate designs. The Council and Division staff discussed design and lettering so it would be appealing to the public. The Council passed a motion recommending approval of the presented designs (for consideration by the Division of Fish & Wildlife and the Division of Motor Vehicles).

- b. Dobbinsville fishing pier** – Chairman Pankowski recounted his discussions with Linda Ratchford, City of New Castle Council President, regarding drafting a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of New Castle and the Division of Fish & Wildlife to commit the City's Dobbinsville parking lot for access to a proposed fishing pier. Director Saveikis stated that the Division could draft a MOA, but there is no funding in the current budget for this project. The Council approved a motion for the Council Chair to send a letter to the Division requesting an estimated engineering cost for this project.
- c. Sport fish tagging program** – John Clark, Fisheries Section Administrator, informed the Council that seven anglers were trained to tag sport fish in 2018. One hundred eighty four fish were tagged at 20 different sites and there have been 19 tag returns (15 black sea bass, 3 tautog and 1 summer flounder). Tag returns have been submitted from Delaware and surrounding states.

Agenda Item 5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Council, The Council tabled the election until the April meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Public comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item 7. Ending remarks and adjournment

Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Funding Update
2. Sport Fishing Tournament
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hoover

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Recording Secretary